

REMARKS

Claims 1-44 are pending in this application. All but claims 3, 21 and 37 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) in view of US Patent 6,839,707 to Lee. The Office has indicated that claims 3, 21 and 37 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant has canceled all of the rejected claims and has rewritten claims 3, 21 and 37 in independent form. These claims are therefore allowable. Applicant asks the Office to allow these claims. Applicant reserves its right to pursue the canceled claims in at a later date.

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CONCLUSIONS

All of the claims remaining in this application are allowable over the art of record.

Applicant therefore asks the Office to withdraw the rejections and allow all of the claims. Please apply any charges that might be due, excepting the issue fee but including fees for extensions of time, to deposit account 14-0225.

Respectfully,

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